

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A motorcycle comprising:  
a frame;  
5 a front wheel coupled to the frame;  
a rear wheel coupled to the frame;  
an engine coupled to the frame and adapted to propel the motorcycle;  
an oil tank coupled to the frame and adapted to contain oil used to  
lubricate the engine, the oil tank having an exposed surface; and  
10 a cover removably coupled to at least one of the frame and the oil tank to  
substantially cover the exposed surface of the oil tank.
2. The motorcycle of claim 1, wherein the oil tank is substantially formed  
using a plastic material.  
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3. The motorcycle of claim 2, wherein the oil tank is injection molded.
4. The motorcycle of claim 1, wherein the cover is substantially formed  
from a metallic material.  
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5. The motorcycle of claim 1, wherein the cover is supported by the oil tank.

6. The motorcycle of claim 5, wherein the oil tank includes a first attachment surface and a second attachment surface, each of the attachment surfaces including at least one tank attachment member, and wherein the cover includes a first cover surface and a second cover surface, each of the cover surfaces including at least one cover attachment member, the cover attachment members engaged with the tank attachment members to attach the cover to the oil tank.

7. The motorcycle of claim 6, wherein each of the tank attachment members is one of a projection or a recess and wherein the corresponding cover attachment member is the other of the projection and the recess.

8. The motorcycle of claim 7, wherein the recesses are apertures.

9. A cover for a motorcycle oil tank assembly including an exposed surface, an inlet having an inlet aperture, and an oil cap removably engaged with the inlet and substantially sealing the inlet aperture, the cover comprising:

a contoured wall portion defining an inner surface and an attachment  
5 point adapted to connect the contoured wall to the oil tank such that the inner surface is facing the exposed surface and the contoured wall portion substantially covers the exposed surface of the oil tank.

10. The cover of claim 9, wherein the contoured wall portion includes an  
10 aperture adapted to allow access to at least a portion of the oil cap when the contoured wall is attached to the oil tank.

11. The cover of claim 9, wherein the contoured wall portion includes an  
exposed portion, an upper portion, and a lower portion, the attachment point located on  
15 one of the upper portion and the lower portion.

12. The cover of claim 11, further comprising a second attachment point,  
wherein the attachment point is located on the upper portion and the second attachment  
point is located on the lower portion.

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13. The cover of claim 12, further comprising at least one additional  
attachment point located on each of the upper portion and the lower portion.

14. The cover of claim 12, wherein each attachment point is one of a recess  
25 and a protrusion.

15. The cover of claim 14, wherein the recess is an aperture.
16. The cover of claim 9, wherein the contoured wall portion is substantially formed from a metallic material.

17. A method of manufacturing a motorcycle oil tank assembly, the method comprising:

molding a plastic oil tank including an exposed side and an inlet having an inlet aperture; and

5 attaching a metal cover to the oil tank to substantially cover the exposed side and allow access to the inlet.

18. The method of claim 17, wherein the attaching step further comprises engaging a recess with a protrusion.

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19. The method of claim 17, wherein the attaching step further comprises engaging a plurality of protrusions with a plurality of recesses to attach the cover to the oil tank.

15 20. The method of claim 17, further comprising passing an oil tank cap at least partially through an aperture in the metal cover.

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